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German Democratic Republic

25X1X BALL BEARING PRODUCTION AT THE ERKNER PLANT

(1p; German; [redacted])

25X1X This [redacted] document gives the following information on the Erkner (formerly Fischer) Ball Bearing Plant:

In 1945 the plant was dismantled and the buildings destroyed by the Russians. In August 1951 the plant was again put into operation; the steel is supplied by the Hennigsdorf Steel and Rolling Mill. Many of the old workers have been recalled and politically reliable apprentices are being trained. The plant now has 152 workers of whom 64 are apprentices.

The plant insists on absolute precision in all work carried out.

At present production includes roller bearings, radial bearings, thrust bearings, roller bearings as supports for bridges and other steel construction, and needle bearings.

of finished material

Production/was about 8 tons in August and 9.5 tons in September; many heavy bridge support bearings are included in these quantities.

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